

DOI-BLM-CO-N040-2016-0007 DNA

Project Name: Dry Lake Lop and Scatter

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Proposed Action: Encroaching pinyon and juniper trees would be hand cut using chainsaws, loppers or similar equipment to cut down trees less than 8 inches DBH and then residual materials would be slashed to 18 inches or below the height of the sage brush in the project area. The project area is estimated to be 500 acres and is located approximately 4 miles north of Gypsum Colorado on BLM administered lands in T5S. R85W. Sec. 19, 20, 21, 16. Only pinyon and juniper trees would be targeted leaving shrubs, grasses and forbs relatively undisturbed, thus protecting soils from erosion and maintaining the herbaceous understory. The removal of encroaching pinyon and juniper trees will maintain the sage brush in its current condition class, reduce long term threat of fire by reducing canopy closure, encroachment and density of pinyon and juniper woodlands in the treatment area as well as improve conditions for greater sage-grouse, and improve conditions for mule deer and elk.

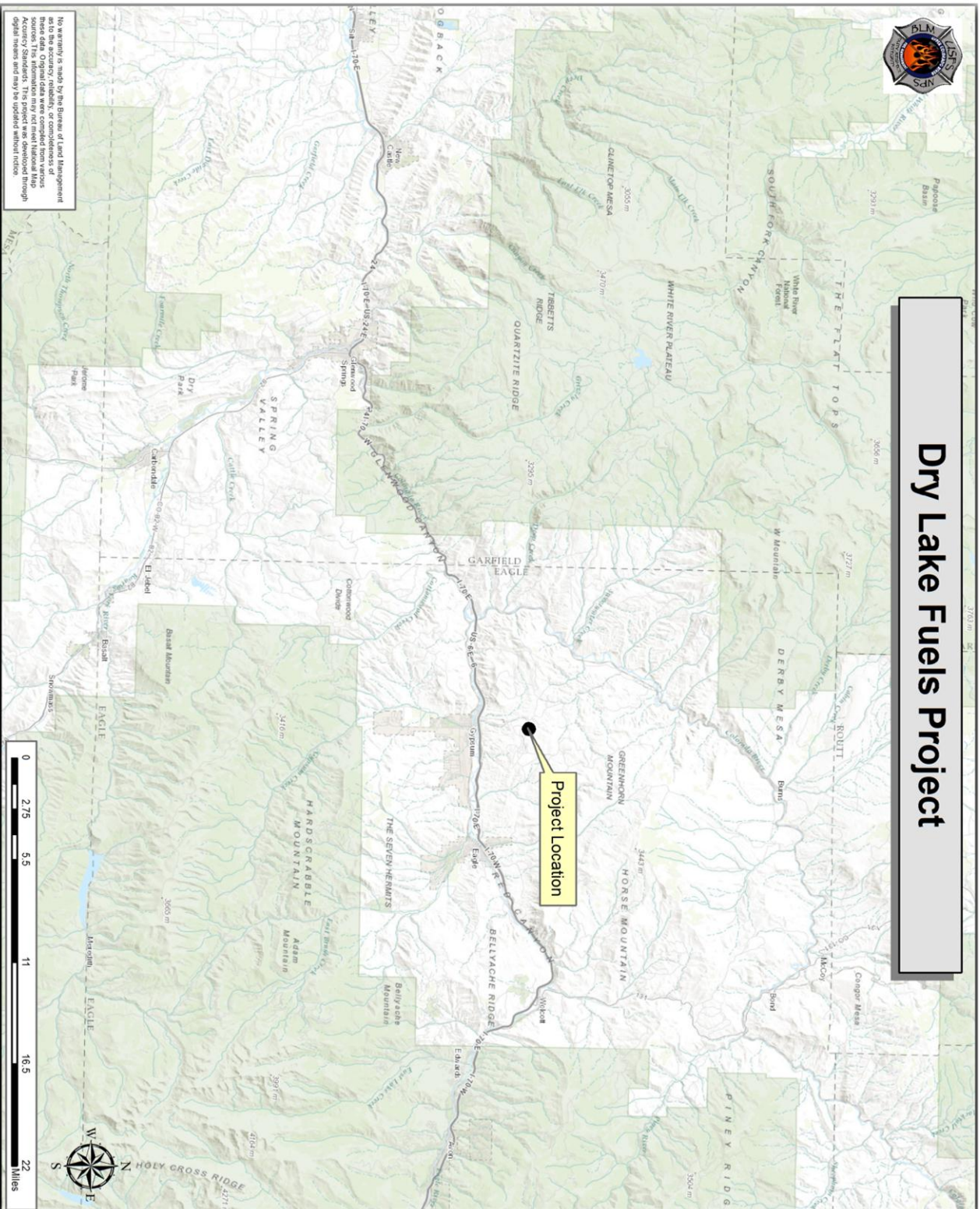
Description of Work. A contractor or agency personal would grid out through the units on foot cutting pinyon and juniper trees by hand and slashing residual below the height of 18 inches or below the height of the sage brush if the sage is less than 18 inches tall.

Specifications:

- No travel off of established routes will be permitted. All vehicle travel to the units will be on established roads.
- Pinyon and juniper trees will be cut to the lowest point possible then lopped and scattered below 18 inches or below the canopy of the sage brush in the specific unit/area.
- The BLM project inspector must be informed of any objects of sites of cultural, paleontological, or scientific value such as historic of prehistoric resources, graves or grave markers, human remains, ruins, cabins, rock art, fossils, or artifacts. The objects shall not be damaged, destroyed, removed, moved, or disturbed. Any person knowingly violates this may be subject to fines and/or imprisonment (Public Law 16-95; 16 U.S.C. 470)
- Mitigation will be included for breeding migratory birds and wintering big game.



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